

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 25, 2005 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1-41 are pending. Claims 1-23 and claims 35-41 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 30 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2. Claims 24-28, 33, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kasting, Jr. et al. (U.S. 6,455,017). Claims 24-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a,e) as being anticipated by Harkins et al. (U.S. 6,638,364). Claims 27 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harkins in view of Karkubian et al. (U.S. 5,503,594). Claims 29 and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 30 and 31 are allowed but objected to for informalities.

By this amendment the limitations of claims 24 and 28 have been incorporated into claim 29 and informalities in claims 30 and 31 have been corrected.

Claims 24-38, 33 and 34 have been cancelled rendering their rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes the claims to be in condition for immediate allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned to resolve any questions or concerns that may be resolved by a telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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